



# News Release

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## **State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers**

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

### **Clallam County**

In September 2011 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of health care assistant **Heidi Loraine Allencastre** (HC60156094) for three years for falsely identifying herself as a nurse and authorizing prescriptions for controlled substances.

### **Clark County**

In October 2011 the Counselor Program suspended the credential of agency-affiliated counselor **Martie Louise Waitas** (CG60218899) for failing to comply with an agreed order.

### **Cowlitz County**

In September 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Sara L. Stone** (NC10081946) for failing to comply with an order to seek a substance abuse evaluation.

In October 2011 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Erica L. Vazquez** (NC60175281) due to a felony theft conviction.

### **King County**

In September 2011 the Counselor Program suspended the credential of **Kim Hunter Norward Sr.** (CG60145889) for failing to comply with an agreed order to seek a substance abuse evaluation.

In October 2011 the Unlicensed Practice Program issued a cease-and-desist order to **Betsy J. Santos** (case number M2010-1565). She used a laser device to remove hair from a patient without a physician or physician assistant on the premises. She doesn't hold a health care license.

### **Pierce County**

In October 2011 the Secretary of Health revoked the credential of certified nursing assistant **Brandi D. Parker** (NC10093525). She was convicted of marijuana possession, theft, driving under the influence, custodial assault, negligent driving, attempted unlawful possession of a controlled substance, bail jumping, and trafficking in stolen property.

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credentials of nursing assistant **Rebecca Ann Noble** (NC60141365, NA60155568) for failing to comply with an agreed order.

### **Snohomish County**

In October 2011 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of surgical technologist **Stanley Romes** (ST00003730) and required that he receive a psycho-sexual evaluation. In April 2010 he was observed playing with the nipple of an unconscious female patient undergoing breast reconstructive surgery.

In September 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Trainee Program suspended the credential of **Rickard Leon Hollum** (CO60190269) for failing to comply with an agreed order.

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Tiara Eldridge** (NC10075133) for attempting to fill a codeine prescription for herself, which had not been legally prescribed.

### **Spokane County**

In October 2011 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission kept in force the suspension of physician assistant **Steven M. Featherkile** (PA10003559). He was convicted of false representation in order to receive payment under a federal health care program.

In September 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Trainee Program suspended the credential of **Alexia Nichole Edinger** (CO60139933) for failing to comply with an agreed order.

### **Thurston County**

In September 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Amber M. Wrinkle** (LP00059946) for testing positive for methamphetamine and failing to comply with an informal disposition.

### **Whatcom County**

In October 2011 the Secretary of Health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Patricia Arroyo** (NA00096483) for having a romantic and sexual relationship with a client who is a vulnerable adult.

In October 2011 the Massage Practitioner Program suspended the credential of massage therapist practitioner **Cheryl Ann Saxer** (00004881) for failing to comply with an agreed order.

In October 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program suspended the credentials of nursing assistant **Lindsey Bree Hoffman** (NA60165510, NC60171441) for failing to comply with an agreed order.

### **Out of State**

**Iowa:** In October 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission summarily suspended the credential of registered nurse **Gregory G. Pithan** (RN00151958) due to revocation of his California license by the California Board of Registered Nursing.

**Kentucky:** In October 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission summarily suspended the credential of **Sharon K. Harris** (RN60039482) because of action taken by the Kentucky Board of Nursing which accepted surrender of her Kentucky nursing license.

**Maryland:** In September 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Jean A. Simmons** (RN00153348) for failing to disclose on her Washington application that her Virginia nursing license was revoked.

**Montana:** In October 2011 the Dental Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of dental assistant **Stephanie Lynn Cook** (D160201401) for not complying with an agreed order.

**Oregon:** In September 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Laura F. McCaslin** (RN00175152) due to suspension of her Oregon credential for failing to respond to the Oregon Board of Nursing during an investigation.

**Oregon:** In October 2011 the Secretary of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of surgical technologist **Stephanie Marie Harris** (ST60098872) for calling in and picking up an unauthorized prescription for hydrocodone for her personal use.

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